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Dear Mr. Donovan:

This is to express my extreme displeasure with the course that cable TV rates have taken since we as consumers have been "protected" by legislation regulating the cable TV industry. I think regulation has had exactly the opposite effect intended by congress.

Since passage of the bill, cable TV rates have skyrocketed. One of my accounts was increased by 33% effective April 1st after being raised by 20% only a year ago (Sammons). Another account advised me that I would either have to pay more to continue my present service, or my service would be reduced at my present rate (TCI CABLEvision-Dallas). Sure enough, they reduced it.

I believe consumers have been hurt much more than helped by congress and the FCC. Protection would have to be based upon rates in effect before legislation was passed. Rates should be